

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Office Action mailed September 14, 2004. By this Amendment, claim 10 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Also, claim 6 has been amended to place the claim in better form under U.S. practice. Further, new claims 11-13 have been added to correspond with the changes to claim 6 while maintaining the same subject matter allowed in original claim 6. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that all pending claims 1-9 are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 10 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. Subbarao et al WO 00/48983 or U.S. Patent No. 6,160,172 or 6,395,296 to Balasubramanyam et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, to expedite the issuance of the allowed claims, Applicants have canceled claim 10, thereby mooted this rejection.

Accordingly, in view of the above, the presently pending claims 1-9 and 11-13 in this application are believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issuance.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. DAD-0003 (80375-0003) from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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